

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Monthly Enforcement Report for actions during June 2009

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The following cases were resolved to achieve compliance with the law; remediate environmental damage; restore natural resources to appropriate conditions; and impose penalties to deter similar actions in the future.

## Administrative Consent Agreements Approved by the Board of Environmental Protection and Office of the Attorney General (party followed by location):

Asbestos:

**Abram Environmental, Windham, Maine.** Abram Environmental ("Abram") violated provisions of Maine's *Asbestos* laws and the Department's *Asbestos Management Regulations*. Specifically, Abram failed to notify the Department in writing of intention to engage in an asbestos abatement activity involving more than three linear feet or three square feet of asbestos-containing material; failed to establish a decontamination facility prior to engaging in asbestos abatement activity; failed to wear personal protective equipment while engaged in an asbestos abatement activity; and failed to comply with an approved non-standard work practice set forth in the project notification. To resolve the violations, Abram will pay a civil monetary penalty of \$3,000.

**Beacon House Properties LLC, Lewiston, Maine.** Beacon House Properties LLC ("Beacon House") violated provisions of Maine's *Asbestos* laws and the Department's *Asbestos Management Regulations*. Specifically, Beacon House failed to notify the Department in writing of intention to engage in an asbestos abatement activity involving more than three linear feet or three square feet of friable asbestos-containing material; failed to use licensed or certified asbestos professionals to engage in an asbestos abatement activity; failed to comply with all applicable preabatement requirements prior to engaging in an asbestos abatement activity; and failed to comply with all applicable work practice requirements while engaging in an asbestos abatement activity. To resolve these violations, Beacon House will pay a civil monetary penalty of \$4,500.

Oil:

G.R. Logging, Inc., G.R. Timber Holdings, LLC, and Gabriel Rioux, Limestone, Washburn, and Easton, Maine. G.R. Logging, Inc. ("G.R. Logging"), G.R. Timber Holdings, LLC ("G.R. Timber") and Gabriel Rioux ("Rioux") violated provisions of Maine's Oil Discharge Prevention and Pollution Control laws. Specifically, at locations in Limestone, Washburn, and Easton, Rioux and/or G.R. Logging discharged oil while conducting vehicle crushing operations and failed to adequately remove the discharges prior to Department inspections of the sites. The Easton site is owned by G.R. Timber, of which Rioux is a member. At the time of a Department inspection, G.R. Logging had failed to adequately remove the discharges at the Easton site. Following Department involvement, Rioux, G.R. Logging, or G.R. Timber undertook clean up of the spills at each of the sites. To resolve the violations, G.R. Logging and Rioux agreed to notify the Department of any crushing operations before they occur; assume ownership of all hazardous and universal wastes generated during vehicle crushing operations; transport, store, and dispose of all wastes generated during crushing activities in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements; install an impervious barrier with a catch-basin underneath areas where fluids, wastes, or crushed vehicles are stored or stockpiled prior to initiating any vehicle crushing operation; have oil-sorbent materials available prior to initiating vehicle crushing activities; and refrain from undertaking vehicle crushing operations during rainy weather. G.R. Logging and Rioux paid a civil monetary penalty with \$1,500 being paid to the State and \$5,500 being mitigated by completing a Supplemental Environmental Project involving replacement of at-risk home heating oil tanks and



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provision of filter protection equipment to income eligible residents of Aroostook County. G.R. Timber paid a civil monetary penalty of \$500.

## Land:

**Snowy Owl Camp LTD., Athens, Maine.** Snowy Owl Camp LTD. ("Snowy Owl") violated provisions of Maine's *Natural Resources Protection Act, Protection and Improvement of Waters* law, and *Erosion and Sedimentation Control* law. Specifically, Snowy Owl conducted filling adjacent to a great pond by placing sand along ninety-five feet of shoreline on Great Moose Lake without first obtaining a permit from the Department; discharged a pollutant, namely sand and gravel, to waters of the State without first obtaining a permit from the Department; and conducted an activity that involved filling, displacing or exposing soil or other earthen materials without taking measures to prevent unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment beyond the project site or into a protected natural resource. To resolve the violations, Snowy Owl agreed to submit a restoration plan to the Department to remove the sand in and adjacent to the lake, replant disturbed areas to native vegetation, and will pay \$1,866 as a civil monetary penalty.